GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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UNEMPLOYED WOMEN
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the number of unemployed women has increased in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof , State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the situation and create more employment opportunities for women in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI MALLIKARJUN KARGE)

(a to c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 137 BY SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL & SHRI ANTO ANTONY REGARDING UNEMPLOYED WOMEN.

(a) to (c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per the results of these surveys, women unemployment in the country on usual status basis estimated at 1.87 million in 1993-94 went up to 2.14 million in 1999-00 and further increased to 3.97 million in 2004-05, showing an annual growth rate of 2.27 percent during 1993-94 to 1999-00 and 13.16 percent during the period 1999-00 to 2004-05. State-wise details of unemployment rates of females for periods 1993-94, 1999-00 and 2004-05 are annexed. In order to address the problem of unemployment and creation of more employment opportunities for women in the country, Government of India has been implementing various employment generation programmes both for men and women. Some of the important ones are Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and Support to Training and Employment Programme for women (STEP). Under NREGS, 215.6 crores person-days of employment were created during 2008-09 and 48% of the total person-days of employment created went in favour of women.One of the monitorable targets for the Eleventh Plan is to ensure that at least 33 percent of the direct and indirect beneficiaries of all government schemes are women and girl children.